

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A card connector for receiving a card having an engagement recess on at least one side face, comprising:

- a base having a slot into which the card can be inserted;
- a slider provided at a position in the base to be abutable on the card;
- a spring forcing the slider in a discharging direction of the card; and
- a lock spring comprising a plate spring having a tip end engageable with the engagement recess of the card and a base end mounted on the slider, the tip end displaceable in a direction away from the card,

wherein said slider is pushed by the inserted card and thereby is moved ~~in accordance~~ along with the card from a card discharging position to a card insertion position against an urging force of the spring while, upon discharge of the card, the slider is moved ~~in accordance~~ along with the card by the urging force of said spring from the card insertion position to a card pop-out preventing position beyond the card discharging position, and

said base is provided with a first rib which abuts [[on]] the tip end of the lock spring to prevent the tip end from being displaced when the slider is positioned at the card pop-out preventing position.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The card connector according to claim 1, wherein said base is provided with a second rib which abuts [[on]] said tip end of the lock spring to prevent the tip end from being displaced when said slider is positioned at the card insertion position.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The card connector according to claim 1, wherein said base is provided with an elastic member which abuts [[on]] a tip end of said slider to return the slider from the card pop-out preventing position to the card discharging position when the slider is positioned at the card pop-out preventing position.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The card connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said tip end of the lock spring can be elastically deformed so as to disengage from said engagement recess of the card when it abuts [[on]] at least said first rib.